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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text, in French and English, of the statement on Yugoslavia adopted by the European Community and its member States at their ministerial meeting held in Lisbon on 17 February 1992.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement on Yugoslavia

[Original: English/French]

The Community and its member States welcome the recommendation made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Security Council on the deployment of a United Nations peace-keeping force in Yugoslavia in accordance with the United Nations plan. They firmly hope that a favourable decision will be taken at an early date.

They call upon all parties to do everything within their power to facilitate the speedy and safe deployment of the United Nations peace-keeping force.

The Community and its member States consider that the joint and coordinated efforts of the United Nations peace-keeping force and the observer mission will constitute a major factor in establishing the conditions necessary for a peaceful and comprehensive settlement of the crisis. Such a solution should be brought about through active participation by all parties concerned in the Conference on Yugoslavia. They also underscore the importance of continuing to respect strictly the arms embargo in force.

The Community and its member States express once again their full appreciation for the results already achieved within the framework of the Peace Conference on Yugoslavia, under the chairmanship of Lord Carrington. In this respect, they emphasize the need for all participants to respect fully the commitments already undertaken with regard to the provisions of the draft treaty on the protection of human rights and the rights of minorities, and the unacceptability of any change of frontiers through force.

The Community and its member States note with satisfaction the constructive attitude of Serbia and will take it into account when reviewing the question of positive measures.

The Community and its member States express their support for the ongoing efforts within the framework of the Conference to promote dialogue between the parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina aimed at achieving a constitutional solution which must take into consideration the legitimate concerns of all peoples involved within the inviolable frontiers of that Republic. In this context, they indicate their readiness to respond in a positive manner to the request by the Bosnian authorities for international supervision of the planned referendum in close coordination with the relevant institutions of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

The Community and its member States will continue to monitor very closely all developments concerning the possible recognition of other Republics.